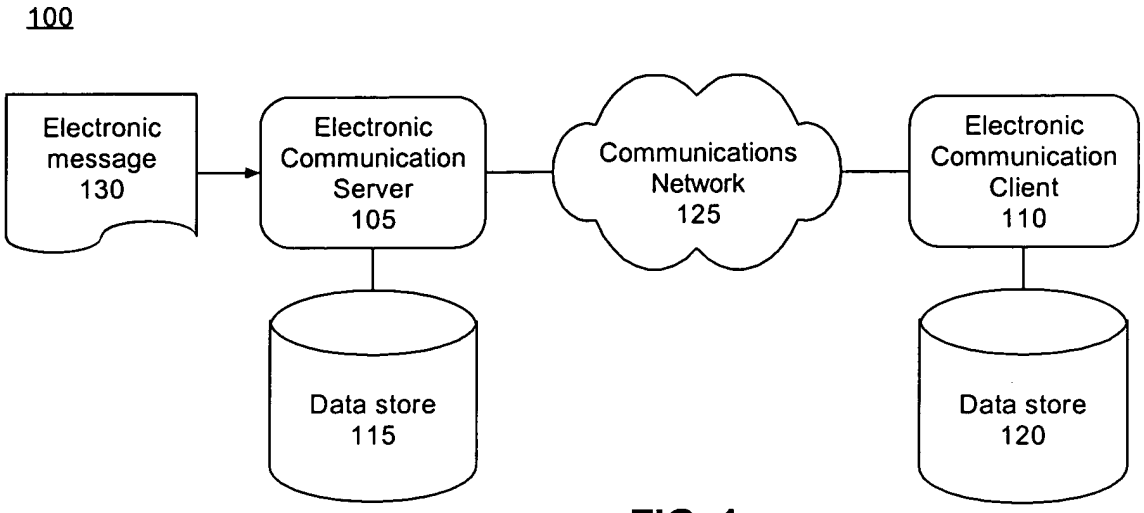
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Electronic message 130
Electronic Communication Server 105
Communications Network 125
Electronic Communication Client 110
Data store 115
Data store 120

FIG. 1

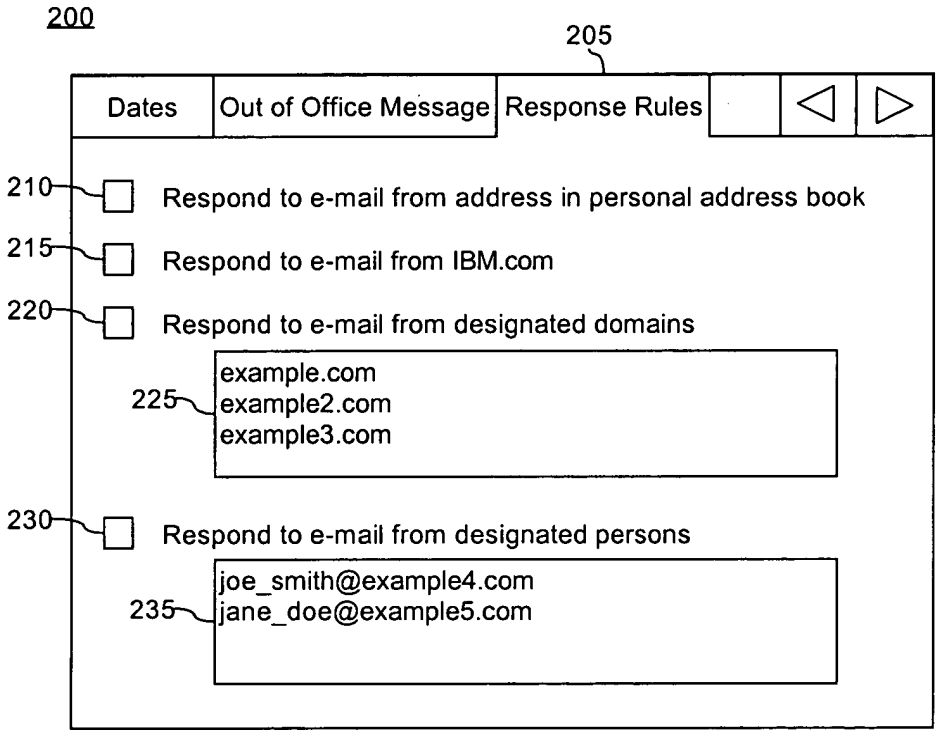
200
205
Dates
Out of Office Message
Response Rules
210
Respond to e-mail from address in personal address book
215
Respond to e-mail from IBM.com
220
Respond to e-mail from designated domains
225
example.com
example2.com
example3.com
230
Respond to e-mail from designated persons
235
joe_smith@example4.com
jane_doe@example5.com

FIG. 2

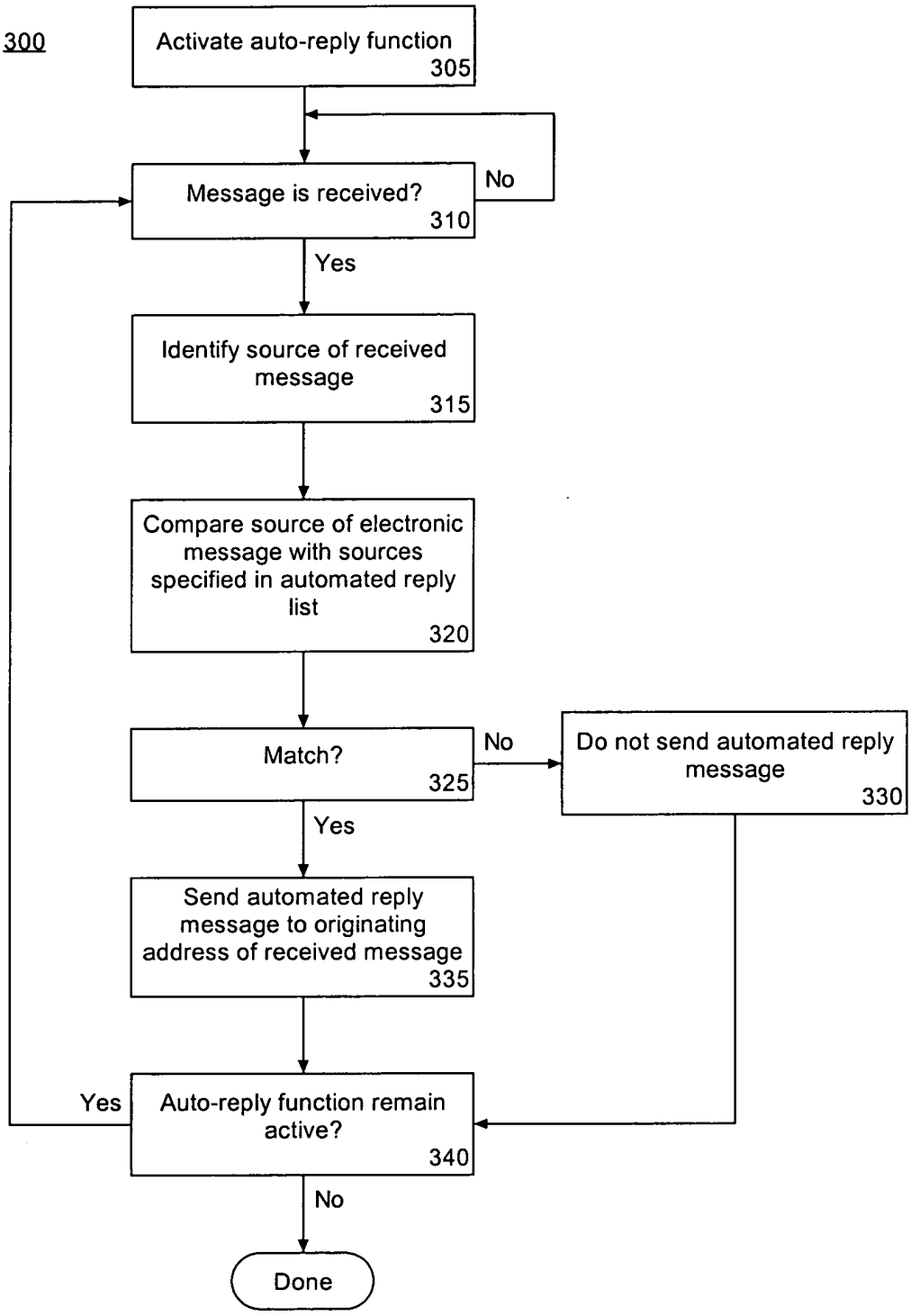
300
Activate auto-reply function
305
Message is received?
310
No
Yes
Identify source of received message
315
Compare source of electronic message with sources specified in automated reply list
320
Match?
325
No
Do not send automated reply message
330
Yes
Send automated reply message to originating address of received message
335
Auto-reply function remain active?
340
Yes
No
Done

FIG. 3